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The Federal registration for the use of 2,4,5—T around the home, near lakes, ponds, on ditchbanks and on food crops has been canceled. The use of 2,4,5—T for weed control in rice is under appeal. The inclusion of 2,4,5—T or any other herbicide in this publication does not suggest uses other than those covered by Federal registrations.

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USING PHENOXY HERBICIDES EFFECTIVELY/

2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, MCPA, Silvex, 2,4-DB

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Phenoxy herbicides—chiefly 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T,¹ silvex, MCPA, and 2,4-DB—are used widely. They are used for controlling weeds in many crops, on grazing lands, on lawns, and for killing unwanted brush and trees. These herbicides are registered for use and are especially useful because—

- They are selective; they kill most broadleaf plants but do not kill grasses or grain crops.
- They are potent; many species of weeds are controlled by less than 1 pound of active ingredient per acre.
 - They are easy to use.
- They are not poisonous to man, domestic animals, or game when applied at the recommended rates.
- They do not accumulate in the soil and they have no harmful effects on soil organisms.
- They are not corrosive to spraying equipment.

HOW PLANTS REACT

When sprayed with phenoxy herbicides, leaves, green stems, twigs, flowers, and fruits usually absorb the herbicides. Roots absorb the herbicides sprayed on the soil. When they are applied to growing plants or to the soil, phenoxy herbicides rapidly become distributed in the leaves, stems, and roots and cause susceptible plants to die.

These herbicides are absorbed most readily by plants that are growing rapidly. Annual weeds are easiest to kill when they are young. Perennial weeds are easy to kill while they are seedlings; after they are established, most perennials are easiest to kill at the time flower buds appear.

Some broadleaf weeds are killed by very small amounts of phenoxy herbicides. Some are almost unaffected by very large amounts.

The charts on pages 11 to 24 lists the susceptibility of many common weeds and woody plants to control by 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T,¹ MCPA, silvex, and 2,4-DB.

SALTS AND ESTERS

Phenoxy herbicides are usually formulated as acids, salts, and esters. Salt and ester formulations usually are supplied as liquid concentrates. The purchaser dilutes them before use. The salt con-

¹ See limitation on use of 2,4,5-T on inside cover.

centrates form solutions when mixed with water. The ester concentrates form solutions when mixed with oil; they form milkywhite emulsions when mixed with water.

Vapors from ester formulations can kill susceptible plants growing near the area to which the formulations are applied. Heat causes ester formulations to release vapors. Low-volatile esters vaporize at much slower rates than high-volatile esters. At temperatures below 90° F. there is significant hazard from vapors of high-volatile esters but only slight hazard from low-volatile ones. At high temperatures above 90° F. vapors from low-volatile esters are also a hazard to susceptible plants growing nearby. Nevertheless, the low-volatile esters maintain a relative margin of safety at higher temperatures. They are less likely to harm susceptible crops.

Salt formulations are safest. Generally, they do not release enough vapors to cause damage. Most of them are less expensive than esters.

High-volatile esters are usually less expensive than low-volatile esters and they can be used effectively and with moderate safety only if no susceptible crops are growing in the vicinity.

Ester formulations of the phenoxy herbicides are generally more potent, pound for pound, than salts. They penetrate leaves and other plant surfaces more readily than salts. When a range of rates is recommended for herbicide application, use the lower



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Weeds in this field of small grain (treated part at right) were controlled with 2,4-D.

The herbicide costs less than 50 cents per acre.

rate for esters and the higher rate for salts.

Esters are more effective than salts for killing weeds that are growing slowly because of drought or cold weather. Esters usually are best for treating weeds in areas of low humidity; esters are formulated in oils and remain in moist contact on foliage longer and penetrate better than salts, which are mixed with water. And, because they are oily, esters are less likely than salts to be washed off foliage if rain falls soon after their application.

"ACID EQUIVALENT"

Phenoxy herbicide concentrates are available in various strengths. The amount of active ingredient in the concentrate is indicated on the container label as the number of pounds of "acid equivalent" in each gallon of concentrate.

Usually the strongest concentrates are the most economical to use; they usually cost less per pound of acid equivalent than weaker concentrates. For example, 1 gallon of a 2,4-D concentrate containing 4 pounds of acid equivalent per gallon usually will cost less than 4 gallons of concentrate containing 1 pound of acid equivalent per gallon, and it contains the same amount of active ingredient.

APPLICATION General Principles

If phenoxy herbicides are applied carefully they can save you

money and labor. If they are applied carelessly, they can kill your crops.

Some crops and ornamental plants are extremely sensitive to phenoxy herbicides; they are severely injured or killed by small traces of the herbicides, such as spray drift or vapors.

The most sensitive of the crops and ornamental plants include cotton, grapes, tomatoes, cucumbers, tobacco, mimosa, roses, and dogwood. For more information about sensitivity of your crops to phenoxy herbicides, ask your county agricultural agent.

When using phenoxy herbicides near sensitive plants, observe all precautions regarding vapors, spray drift, and cleanliness of equipment.

Types of Phenoxy Herbicides Commonly Available

SALTS, such as:

Amine (triethanolamine, diethanolamine, trimethylamine, diethylamine, dimethylamine and isopropanolamine.

Potassium Ammonium

ESTERS
High-Volatile, such as:

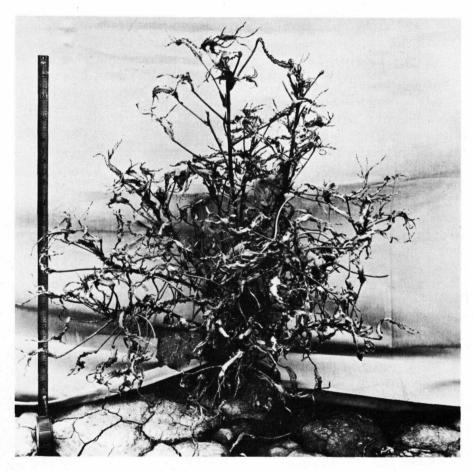
Ethyl Isopropyl Butyl Amyl

Low-Volatile, such as:

Butoxyethanol Butoxyethoxypropanol Ethoxyethoxypropanol Isooctyl Propylene glycol butyl ether For safe and effective control of weeds—

- Get professional advice before applying herbicides; ask your county agricultural agent, your State extension weed specialist, or other local agricultural authorities for weed-control recommendations.
- Use herbicides wisely: Follow label precautions. Do not apply herbicides for any use for which they are not registered.

- Avoid spraying on windy days.
- Do not apply ester formulations when the temperature is above 90°.
- Check output of your sprayer frequently to prevent over-application of herbicides.
- Avoid sprayer skips or overlapping swaths.
- Clean spray equipment immediately after use.
 - Before using spray equip-



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Cotton is extremely susceptible to phenoxy herbicides. This plant was killed when it was accidentally sprayed with 2,4-D

ment for applying insecticides or fungicides to crops, test it for injurious traces of herbicides.

Methods

Cropland

You can apply herbicides on cropland as preemergence sprays (after the crop is planted but before it or the weeds come up) or as postemergence sprays (after the crop and weeds come up).

Most modern spray equipment is designed for low-volume application—from about 5 to about 20 gallons of spray per acre. With the proper attachments, low-volume equipment can be used for broadcast spraying, band treatments, or directed spraying.

Apply a broadcast spray if the crop plants are not sensitive to the herbicide.

For broadcast application, the spray rig is equipped with a multiple-nozzle boom or a single boomless nozzle.

Apply a directed spray if the crop plants are somewhat sensitive to the herbicide.

For directed application, the rig is equipped with a boom and drop nozzles, which are adjusted to spray the weeds but no more than the bases of the crop plants.

Airplanes often are used for spraying crops, especially non-row crops, such as small grains, rice, and grazing lands.

Noncropland

Use a ground sprayer with boom to apply low-volume broad-

cast spray for the control of weeds, brush, and trees on grazing land and on irrigation canal banks.

Airplanes often are used for applying low-volume broadcast sprays to noncropland areas that are too large, too rough, or have too many obstructions for ground equipment.

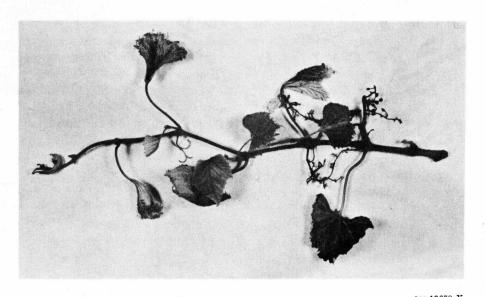
Apply high-volume directed spray to kill brush and trees

Spray Drift

Wind-carried droplets of phenoxy herbicides may kill susceptible crops near the area that is being treated.

To reduce the danger of damaging crops with spray drift—

- Use nozzles that apply a coarse spray.
- Use low pressures—no more than 35 pounds per square inch for boom sprayers, 100 pounds for spray guns.
- Avoid spraying on windy days; do not spray with ground equipment or from airplanes when the wind velocity is sufficient to cause drifts to sensitive crops.
- Spray when wind is blowing away from susceptible crops and toward the area being sprayed.
- Where special drift hazards exist, use one of the special drift-control agents or formulations in properly designed and adjusted equipment. Get professional advice before using these.



Spray drift from a nearby application of phenoxy herbicide severely injured this Concord grape vine.

along roads, utility lines, and fencerows, and aquatic weeds and brush along irrigation and drainage canals.

Equipment for high-volume spraying usually has a large-capacity spray tank (over 100 gallons per acre of spray may be used) and operates at relatively high pressure (about 60 to 100 pounds per square inch). The rig usually is equipped with a spray hose and adjustable nozzle. The spray often is applied as a drench that thoroughly wets the leaves and stems of the plants that are to be killed.

Apply sprays of ester formulations in diesel oil or kerosene to the bark at the base of small trees or to cuts in the bark at the base of large trees.

Phenoxy ester formulations with oil as a carrier can be ab-

sorbed by the bark at the base of trees with trunk diameters up to about 4 inches. The spray usually is applied with a small hand-operated sprayer and the lower 6 to 12 inches of bark on the trunk is thoroughly wetted with the solution.

The bark of many trees that are over 4 inches in diameter is too thick for the spray to penetrate. To kill these larger trees, it is necessary to ring the base of the tree with ax cuts and spray the ester or amine solution into the cuts. The ax cuts must go through the bark and into the sapwood.

TESTING OUTPUT OF SPRAYER

Before mixing or applying herbicides on cropland, check the output of your spray equipment. If you apply too little herbicide, it is ineffective. If you apply too much, it may kill your crops.

In the test, the tractor speed and the pump pressure should be the same as they will be when you apply herbicide. If your tractor is not equipped with a speedometer, it is a good idea to make the test on the same type of terrain that you plan to spray and to mark the throttle setting that you use.

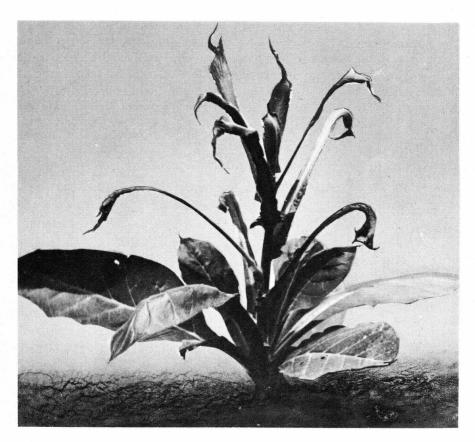
To test the output—

• Fill the spray tank with water.

- Spray a strip exactly 220 yards long.
- At the end of 220 yards, stop spraying and measure, in quarts, the amount of water needed to refill the spray tank.

To determine the spray output in gallons per acre, multiply the number of quarts by 16.5 and divide the answer by the width, in feet, of the spray strip.

Example: Your spray rig treats a strip 20 feet wide. At operating speed and pressure, the rig uses



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This equipment used to apply insecticide to this tobacco plant had been used previously for applying phenoxy herbicide. The tobacco was injured by herbicide traces that remained in the sprayer.

6 quarts of water in 220 yards: $6 \times 16.5 = 99$.

 $99 \div 20 = 4.95$, or about 5 gallons of spray per acre.

The output of the sprayer is for the area treated. If your sprayer is adjusted to apply spray in bands to row crops, calculate the total width of the spray pattern. To do this, multiply the number of nozzles by the width that each nozzle treats.

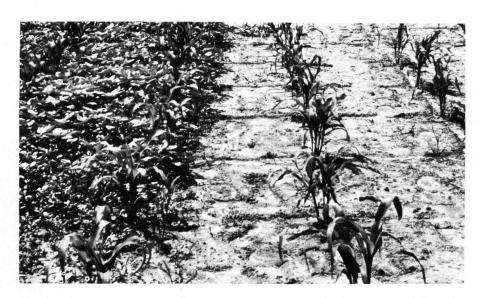
If you are using 6 drop nozzles and each treats a 20-inch width, then the total width of the spray pattern is 10 feet, regardless of the nozzle spacing.

Output of the spray equipment may change because of enlarged nozzle orifices or worn parts in the pump. Check the output periodically to prevent application at the wrong rate.

After you know the output of your sprayer, you can mix the spray accurately. To calculate the total amount of spray needed, multiply the area to be sprayed, in acres, by the output per acre. Add the recommended amount of acid equivalent—in the form of herbicide concentrate—to enough carrier (water or oil) to equal the total amount of spray needed.

For example: The calculated output is 5 gallons per acre and you plan to spray 10 acres at a recommended rate of 1 pound of acid equivalent per acre. Therefore you will need a total of 50 gallons of spray containing 10 pounds of acid equivalent.

The herbicide concentrate con-



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The right half of this field was sprayed with 2,4-D before the corn or weeds emerged.

The left half of the field was not treated.

PRECAUTIONS

Phenoxy herbicides are safe when stored, handled, mixed, and used in accordance with label instructions and sound agricultural practices. Most herbicides are low in toxicity. However, some can cause injury to man, many domestic animals, and fish and wildlife if improperly used.

Most herbicides are toxic to many crop plants and ornamentals. Many are volatile and their vapors and spray drift will cause damage to desirable plants. Avoid spraying when windy conditions exist.

Keep herbicides away from children, livestock, and pets. Store herbicides in closed, well-labeled containers in a dry place where they cannot contaminate food, feed, or water.

When handling herbicides wear clean, dry clothing. Launder clothing after each spraying operation before wearing again.

Do not inhale herbicides and avoid contact with spray mist and drift. Avoid repeated or prolonged contact of herbicide with your skin. Avoid spilling it on any part of your body—especially your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you spill it on your body, wash it off with soap and water and remove contaminated clothing.

To protect fish, wildlife, and livestock, do not clean spraying equipment or dump excess spray material near lakes, streams, or ponds.

Empty herbicide containers may be hazardous. Dispose of them in accordance with label instructions and the recommendations of your State Extension weed science specialist or other local agricultural authorities. Do not burn herbicide containers.

tains 4 pounds of acid equivalent per gallon. Add $2\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of concentrate (10 pounds total acid equivalent) to $47\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of water.

CLEANING SPRAY EQUIPMENT

Clean your spray equipment immediately after using it for applying herbicides.

Some crops can be damaged or

killed by traces of phenoxy herbicides that are left in the sprayer after cleaning. Before applying fungicides or insecticides to crops with equipment that has been used for herbicides, test the equipment for herbicide traces.

Fill the tank with water and spray a few of the crop plants. Sensitive plants such as tomato, cotton, and tobacco are good test plants. Wait a day or two after spraying. If the crop plants show

no distorted growth after this period, the equipment can be used safely for spraying the crop. If the plants are distorted, then clean the spray equipment again. Retest the equipment for cleanliness before using it on crops.

For greatest safety with sensitive crops, apply fungicides or insecticides with equipment that has not been used for applying herbicides.

You can clean spray equipment quickly with a suspension of activated charcoal in water. Use at least one-third of a tank of water. For each 10 gallons of water add 1/4 pound of activated charcoal and 1/8 to 1/4 pound of laundry detergent. Agitate this mixture vigorously to distribute the charcoal through the water.

Wash the equipment for 2 minutes by swirling the liquid around in the tank so that it reaches all parts of the tank. Pump some of the liquid through the hose and nozzles. Then drain the tank and

rinse the equipment with clean water.

SUSCEPTIBILITY CHART

The chart that follows lists the effects of phenoxy herbicides when applied as foliage sprays on a number of common weeds. Rate of application for 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T,² MCPA, or silvex is 1 pound per acre; rate of application for 2,4-DB is 2 pounds per acre.

The control ratings for the herbicides are interpreted as follows: Excellent.—One application at rate kills the weed.

Good.—Several applications at rate needed to kill the weed.

Fair.—Repeated applications at rate or application at higher rates needed to kill the weed.

Poor.—Weed kill is erratic, even at high rates of application.

None.—No visible effect.

² See limitation on use of 2,4,5-T on inside cover.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silvex, and 2,4-DB

				Control 1		
Plant name	Type of plant	2,4-D	MCPA	2,4,5-T²	Silvex	2,4-DB
Alder (Alnus spp.)Alligatorweed (Alternanthera philoxeroides)Alyssum, hoary (Berleroa incana)	Woody Perennial	Good Poor	Good None Fair	Excellent Fair Excellent	Excellent Fair	Poor.
Amaranth: Green (Amaranthus hybridus) Palmer (A. palmeri) See also Pigweed. Arrowgrass. seaside (Triolochin maritima)	Annual	Excellentdo	Excellent	do do Fair	Excellent	Excellent.
Arrowhead: Annual (Sagittaria calycina) Perennial (S. longiloba)	Annual Perennial Woody	Excellent Fair	Excellent Fair	Excellent Poordo	Excellent	Do. None.
Many-flowered (Aster ericoides) Wany-flowered (Aster ericoides) Western (A. occidentalis) White heath (A. pilosus) Woody (Xylorrhiza parryi) Baccharis, coyote brush (Baccharis salicina) Baileya, desert (Baileya multiradiata) Bassia five-hook (Bassia hyssomifyia)	PerennialdododoWoody	Good Poor Poor Excellent Good	None	Poor Fair. Poor. Good	Fair. Poor.	Do. Do.
Cornflower: Batchelor's button (Centaurea cyanus) Bedstraw: Cleavers (Gallium aparine) Smooth (G. mallugo) Beeplant, Rocky Mountain (Cleone serrulata). Beggartick, devils (Bidens frondosa).	dodo	Excellent Poor None Excellent Poor.	Nonedo Excellent	Poor do Excellent Poor	Good do	0.
Bindweed: Field (Convolvulus arvensis) Hedge (C. sepium) Biscuitroot (Lomatium leptocarpum)		Fair Good Fair	Fair	FairGood	Fair	Fair.

See footnotes at end of table.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

	Silvex 2,4-DB	Fair Do.	Poor Do. Good Do. Good Do.	None	Fair Good.	Fair None. Excellent Excellent. do None			ent]	ent		ent	ent	lent	(ent	ent	[ent.]	lent	ent	lent.
Control 1	2,4,5-T ²	Fair Good Good Excellent	Poor Good None Good	Poor	 	lent	Poor Good Excellent		Excellent	Excellentdodo	Excellentdodo	Excellentdodo	ExcellentdoNone	lent	lent	lent	lent	lent		
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Plant name		Bistort, American (Polygonum bistortoides) Blackberry (Rubus spp.) Blackeyed susan (Rudbeckia serotina) Bloodweed (Ambrosia, aptera)	Buneweed, 1exas (Hellanthus cularis) Bouncingbet (Saponaria officialis) Boxelder (Acer negundo) Bracken (Pteridium aquilinum) Broomweed, common (Guiterrezia dracuncu-	Broom, Scotch (Cytisus scoparius)Buckeye, California (Aesculus californica)Buckwheat:	Tartary (Fagopyrum tataricum) Wild (F. convoludus) Buffalohur (Solamm rostratum)	Bulrush (Scirpus spp.)	Western (S. occidentalis) Bullnettle (Cnidoscolus stimulosus) Burroweed (Haplopappus tenuisectus) Butterup:	Celery lear (nanuncanas sceleranas)	Corn (R. arvensis) - Creeping (R. repens) - C	Corn (R. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion. bladder (Silene cucubalus)	Corn (R. arvensis)Creeping (R. repens)Creeping (R. acris)Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus)Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus)	Corn (K. arvensis)	Corn (R. arvensis)	Corn (R. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion, (R. deris) Campion, wild (Mollugo verticillata) Carrot, wild (Daucus carota)	Corn (K. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus) Carpetweed (Mollugo verticillata)	Corn (K. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus) Carpetweed (Mollugo verticillata) Carrot, wild (Daucus carota)	Corn (K. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus) Carpetweed (Mollugo verticillata) Carrot, wild (Daucus carota)	Corn (R. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus) Carpetweed (Mollugo verticillata) Carrot, wild (Daucus carota) Catchffy, night flowering (Silene noctiflora)	Corn (R. arvensis)	Corn (K. arvensis) Creeping (R. repens) Tall (R. acris) Campion, bladder (Silene cucubalus) Carpet weed (Mollugo verticillata) Carrot, wild (Daucus carota) Catchffy, night flowering (Silene noctiflora)

Catsear, spotted (Hypochoeris radicata)	Perennial	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent.
Cattall: Broadleaf (Typha latifolia) Ceanothus (Ceanothus spp.)	do Woody	Fair	Poor	FairGood	Fair	Poor. Do. Fair.
Wedgeleaf (C. cuneatus)Chamise (Adenostoma fasciculatum)	op	Good Fair	Poor	Excellent Fair	Poor	Poor.
Common (Stellaria media) Field (Cerastium arvense)	Annual	op	op	Good	Excellent	Fair. Poor.
Chicory (Cichorium intybus)	Perennial	Good	Good	GoodFair	Good Fair	Do. Fair. None.
Cinqueroli: Blueleaf (Potentilla diversifolia) Common (P. canadensis) Rough (P. normenica)	Perennial	FairGood	Fair	op	Fair	Do.
Sulfur (P. recta)	Perennial	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	
Cocklete (Lychnis alba)	Annual 3 Perennial	Poor Excellent	Poor None	NonedoExcellent	None	None. Do. Good.
cum). Coffeeweed (Daubentonia texana) Coyote, brush (Baccharis pilularis)	Woody	doGood		do	Good	
Coyotillo (<i>Karwinskia humoolatiana</i>) Cranebill, cutleaf (<i>Geranium dissectum</i>) Cress, hoary (<i>Cardaria draba</i>)	Annual 3 Perennial	Fair	Excellent Fair	Excellent Fair	Excellent	Fair.
Croton: Lindheimer (Croton lindheimeri) Texas (C. texensis)	Annualdo	Excellent	Excellent	GoodExcellent	Good Excellent	Good.
Wolly (C. capitatus)Burcucumber (Stepos angulatus)	do	Fair	Excellent	op	op	Excellent.
Daisy, oxeye (Thysanthemum leucanthemum) Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale)	Perennial do	Fair Excellent	FairExcellent	Good Excellent	Fair Excellent	None. Good.
Deathcamas (Zigadenus gramineus) Foothill (Z. paniculatus)	Perennialdo.	Fair		PoorFair		
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	1 ype of plant	2,4D	MCPA	$2,4,5$ -T 2	Silvex	2,4-DB
Deerweed (Lotus scoparius) Devil's claw (Proboscidea louisianica)	Woody	Excellent		Excellent		
Broadleaf (Rumex obtusifolius)	Perennial	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Fair. Fair.
Fiddle (R. puicher) Pale (R. allissimus) Veiny (R. venosus)	op	Good Fair	Good	Good	Good	Poor.
Largeseed (Cuscuta indecora)	Annualdo Woody	PoordododoExcellent	None	NonedodoFairGood	Nonedo None Fair	None. Do. Do.
Falseflax, smallseeded (Camelina microcarpa) Fennel, dog (Eupatorium capillifolium) Fiddleneck, coast (Amsinckia intermedia) Filaree, redstem (Erodium cicularium) Fireweed (Epilobium angustifolium)	AnnualdoAnnual	Good Good	Fair	ExcellentGood	Excellentdo	Do. Do. Poor.
Fleabane: Annual (Erigeron annuus) Oregon (E. speciosus) Rough (E. strigosus) Flixweed (Descurainia sophia)	Annual Perennial Annual	FairGoodExcellent	Fair Fair	Excellent.	Excellent	Excellent. Good.
Bur (Franseria discolor) Woollyleaf (F. tomentosa) Galinsoga, hairy (Galinsoga ciliata) Garlic, wild (Allium vineale) Geranium, Carolina (Geranium carolinianum) Goatsrue (Galega offinalia) Goldenrod (Solidago spp.)	Perennialdo	Fair do Good Fair Fair Fair Good Fair Fair Good Fair Good Fair Good Fair Fair Good Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair	Poor Excellent Poor. Excellent	Poor Excellent Poor Good	Poor Excellent None Good	Poor. Do. Excellent.

Goosefoot: Jerusalem-oak (Chenopodium botrys) Nettleleaf (C. murale) Oakleaf (C. glaucum) Gooseweed (Sphenoclea zeylanica) Gourd, buffalo (Cucurbita foetdisssia)	Annualdodododo	Fair	Excellent do	Excellentdo	Fair Poor	Do. Do. None.
Grapchyci, Muscar botryoides) Grapchycinth (Muscar bona-nox) Common (S. rotundifolia)	Woodydo	None do-	Poor None	Poor.	Poor do	
Groundenerry: Classification (Physalis heterophylla)	Woody	None	1	Fair	Fair	None
Smooth (P. subglabrata)	Annual	Excellent	None	Poor Excellent Fair	Poor Excellent Good	Do.
Arrowlesel: Arrowlesd (Senecio triangularis) Common (S. vulgaris) Cressleaf (S. glabellus) Riddell (S. riddellii) Threadleaf (S. longilobus)	Annual do Perennial	Poor Excellent	PoorExcellent	None Excellent	None Good	Do. Do. Good.
Gum: Sweet (Liquidambar styraciflua) Tupelo or black (Nyssa sylvatica) Gumweed (Grindelia squarrosa) Halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus) Hawksbeard, smooth (Crepis capillaris)	Woody Decennial Annual	Poor None Excellent Fair	Poor	Good Fair Poor	Fair do Poor	None. Poor.
Hawkweed: Orange (Hieracium aurantiacum) Yellow (H. pratense)	Perennial Woody	Fair None Good	do	Poor do Fair Poor	Poor	None. Do.
Hellebore, talse western (* Fratrum cautjornicum) Hemlock, poison (Conium maculatum) Hemp (Cannadis sativa) Hempinettle (Galeopsis tefrahit) Henbit (Lamium amplexicaule)	Biennial Annualdodo		Excellent Fair Poor	Fair-Good-Cood-Cood-Cood-Cood-Cood-Cood-Cood	Excellent Good	Excellent. Good. Poor. None.
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	2,4-DB	Do. Fair. Fair. None. Do. Do. Do. Do.	Excellent.
	Silvex	None Good Good Good None Fair None do Good	Excellent
Control 1	2,4,5-T ²	None-Fair-Fair-Poor-Good-Fair-Poor-Good-Fair-Fair-Good-Farellent-do-Fair-Good-Farellent-Good-Far	Excellent
	MCPA	None Excellent None Go None Fair Go None Excellent Fair None Excellent Fair	None
	2,4-D	Excellent None	None Excellent
Type of plant	•	Perennialdododododododo	Perennial Annual
Plant name		Hogpeanut (Amphicarpa bracteata) Hogpotato (Hoffmanseggia densifora) Honey locust (Gledisia triacanthos) Honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica) Horsebrush, littleleaf (Tetradymia glabrata) Horsenettle, Carolina (Solanum carolinense) Horseweed, marestail (Erigeron canadensis) Houndstongue (Cynoglossum officinale) Indian-hemp (Apocynum cannabinum) Indian-hobacco (Lobelia inflata) Iris, Rocky Mountain (Iris missouriensis) Ivy, English (Hedera helix) Jewelweed (Impatiens pallida) Jimsonweed (Impatiens pallida) Jointvetch, Northern (Asschynomene virginica) Juniper: Aligator (Juniperus deppeana) One-seed (J. monosperma) Utah (J. osteosperma) Brown (Centaurea jacea) Brown (Centaurea jacea) Brown (Centaurea jacea) Brown (Centaurea jacea) Brown (Cantaurea jacea) Russian (C. repens)	Squarrose (C. virgata var. squarrosa) Knawel (Scleranthus annuus) Koehia (Kochia scoparia)

Knotweed: Japanese (Polygonum Cuspidatum) Prostrate (P. aniculare)	Perennial Annual	Poor Fair	Poor	PoorFair	Fair	Poor.
Silversheath (P. argyrocoleon) Kudzu (Pueraria lobata) Lambsquarters, common (Chenopodium album)	Annual Perennial	FairdoExcellent	FairExcellent	FairExcellent	FairExcellent	Excellent.
Larkspur: Little (Delphinium bicolor) Menzies (D. menziesii) Tall (D. barbeyii) Duncecap (D. occidentale)	Perennialdododo	None Fair	None	None Fair	NoneFair	None.
Lettuce: Blue (Lactuca pulchella)	do	FairExcellent	Fair	op	Fair	Fair.
Loco, bigbend (Astragalus earlet) Locoweed, white (Oxytropis lambertii) Locust, black (Robinia pseudo-acacia) London-rocket, annual (Sisymbrium irio) London-rocket, perennial (Franseria conferti-	Annual 3 Perennial Woody Annual	Excellent Fairdo Excellent	Excellent	FairGood	Fair	Excellent.
flora). Lupine (Lupinus rivularis)	WoodyPerennial	Excellent Fair Good	None	ExcellentdoFair	Excellent	Excellent.
Mallow: Common (Malva neglecta). Dwaff (M. rotundiflora). Little (M. parviflora). Venice (Hibiscus trionum). Manzanita (Arctostaphylos spp.). Marbelder (Iva xanhtifolia). Mayweed, dogfennel (Anthemis cotula). Medic, Black (Medicago tupultna)	Annual 3 Perennial Annual Woody Voody Annual Annual	Poor	None None Facellent Poor Good Fair.	PoorExcellentdodoGood	Poor Fair Good Excellent Poor.	Poor. None. Excellent. None. Poor.
Mesquite: Honey (Prosopis juliflora var. glandulosa). Velvet (P. juliflora var. velutina) Mexicantea (Chenopodium ambrossoides) Mexican weed (Caperonia castaneaefolia)	Woody	Poor None Excellent Fair	None Excellent Fair	Good Good Good	Fair do Good	Fair. None. Excellent. None.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

Plant name	Type of plant			Control 1		
		2,4D	MCPA	2,4,5-T ²	Silvex	2,4-DB
Milkweed (Asclepias curassavica)	Perennialdododo	Good Fair None do	Nonedodo.	Excellent Poordododo	Fair. do- Good	Do. Do. Do. Poor.
Morninggiory: Common (Ipomoea purpurea) Lydeaf (I. hederacea) Voolly (I. hirsutuda) Moultain Mahogany (Cercocarpus montanus) Mugholantain (Heteranthera limosa) Mugwort (Artemista vulgaris) Mulberry (Morus spp.)	Annualdododododododo	dododododo	Excellent Good	Excellentdodo Poot Rood None Good	Excellent Good	Excellent. Do. Poor. Fair.
Mullein: Common (Verbascum thapsus) Moth (V. blattaria)	Biennial	Poor	Poor	Fairdo		None.
Black (Brassica nigra)	Annualdod	Excellent Fairdododo	Excellent Good Gooddodo Good	Excellent-Good	Good Good Good Good	Excellent. None. Excellent. Do. Do. Do. Do.
Niggerhead (Rudbeckia occidentalis)	Perennial	op			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

Nightshade: Black (Solanum nigrum) Cutleaf (S. triflorum) Silverleaf (S. elaegnifolium)	AnnualdoPerennial	Fair	Fair	FairPoorExcellent	Good Poor Excellent	Fair.
Nutsedge: Purple (Cyperus rotundus) Yellow (C. esculentus)	op	Poor	Nonedodo.	Nonedo	Nonedo	None. Do.
Dak: Black (Quercus velutina) Blackjack (Q. marilandica) Blue (Q. douglasii)	Woody	op	None	Fair do Poor	Fairdo	Do. Poor.
Interior live (Q. wishzenii) Post (Q. stellata) Scrub (Q. dumosa)	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Poor	Poor None	Poor	Poor. Good Fair.	Do. None. Poor.
Turbinella (Q. turbinella) White (Q. alba) Onion, wild (Allium canadense) Orache (Atriplex hastata)	Woodydo Perennial	Fairdo.	None	Poor Good Excellent	Fair	Poor. None. Poor.
Osage-orange (Maclura pomifera). Parsley, desert (Lomatium grayt). Parsnip, wild (Pastinaca sativa). Partridgepea (Cassia fascirulata). Passionflower, Maypop (Passifora incarnata). Peavine (Astragalus emoryanus). Pellitoryweed (Parietaria fariadana). Pennycress, field (Thlaspi arvense). Pennycress, field (Thlaspi arvense). Pennycres, Rydberg (Perstemon rudderait).	WoodyBernnial Biennial Annual Annual Annual dodo	Poordo Lacellentdo Good None Excellent Good	Excellent Excellent None	Good Excellent Good Good Characteristics of the control of	FairExcellentGood	Excellent. None. Good.
0.25	Annual	Excellent Fair Excellentdo Poor	Excellent Excellent	Good Fair Excellent	Fair Excellent Fair	Excellent. Do.

See footnotes at end of table.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silver, and 2,4-DB—Continued

Plant name	Type of plant			Control 1		
		2,4D	MCPA	2,4,5-T ²	Silvex	2,4-DB
Pigweed: Prostrate (Amaranthus graecizans) Rough (A. retroflexus) Tumble (A. albus) Pineappleweed (Matricaria matricarioides)	Annualdodododo	do do Fair	Excellentdodo	Excellentdo None	Excellentdo.	Do. Do. Do.
Plantain: Blackseed (Plantago rugelii) Broadleaf (P. major) Buckhorn (P. lanceolata)	Perennial	Excellentdo	Excellent Good	Excellentdo	Good Excellent	Excellent. Do. Do.
FOISON-LVY (Maus raatans) Poison-oak (Rhus diversiloba) Pokeweed (Phytolacca americana) Pondweed (Potamogeton spp.).	Woody do Perennial	do	Fair Poor Fair None	Good	Good	None. Do.
Ponyfoot (Dichondra repens) Poorjoe (Diodia teres) Poppy, Roemer (Roemeria refracta) Prickly-ash, Northern (Xanthaxylum ameri-	Annual Woody	Excellent Good Excellent	Fair	Good	Fair	Fair.
canum). Pricklypear (Opuntia spp.)Pricklypear (Opuntia spp.)Purslancy common (Portulaca oleracea)Puncturevine (Tribulus terrestris)Pusley, Florida (Richardia scabra)Queensdelight (Stillingia sylvatica)	Perennial Annualdododo	Excellent Fair Good Excellent	Fair.	doExcellent	Good Fair	Good. Do.
Kabbitbrush: Gray (Chrysothamnus nauseosus) Yellow (C. viscidiflorus) Radish, wild (Raphanus raphanistrum) Ragweed: Common (Ambrosia artemisijfolia) Giant (A. trifida)	Woody Annual	Fair Excellentdodo	Poor Excellent	Poor Excellent	Poor	Excellent. Do. Do. Do.

Excellent Excellent. Good Poor.	Poor Do. Excellent Good.	Excellent Good Fair None	Fair Fair.	FairNone.	Good Poor. Excellent Fair. Do.	Poor Good. Good. Fair Fair	Good Do.
Fair Excellent Good	Excellent	lent	FairGood	Gooddo	Fair Poor Good	None Excellent	op
Fair Excellent None	None Excellent	None	Fair	PoorGood	None Fair Good	None Good Excellent	Fair
Excellent Poordo	None Excellent	None	Good Good	Excellentdododo	Poor Fair Good	Excellent Good Excellent	op
Perennial 3 Biennial Woody	Perennial	Woody	rerennialdododo	WoodydodoBiennial	Woody Annual Perennial	Annual	Annual
Ragwort, tansy (Senecio jacobaea) Rape, Bird (Brassica rapa) Raspberry (Rubus spp.) Redbay (Persea borbonia)	Redund (Jercis occiaentalis) Redvine (Brunnichia cirrhosa) Redstem (Ammannia coccinea)	Rose: California (Rosa californica)	Colorado (H. richardsoni)	Sagebrush: Big (Artemisia tridentata)	Meadow (T. pratensis) Saltcedar (Tamarx galltca) Sedge, Umbrella (Cyperus difformis) Sesbania, coffeebean (Sesbana exaltata) Sorrel (Rumex acetosa)	Heartwing (K. hastatutus) Red (R. acetosella) Shepherdspurse (Capsella bursa-pastoris) Sicklepod, coffeeweed (Cassia tora) Skunkcabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus)	Ladysthumb (Polygonum persicaria) See footnotes at end of table.

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2.4-D. MCPA. 2.4.5-T. silver, and 2.4-DB—Continued

Plant name	Type of plant			Control 1		
		2,4-D	MCPA	2,4,5-T²	Silvex	2,4-DB
Pennsylvania (P. pensylvanicum) Swamp (P. coccineum) Snakeroot, white (Eupalorium rugosum)	Perennialdo		op	do Fair	Fair	Do.
Snakeweed: Broom (Gutierrezia sarothræ) Threadleaf (G. microcephala) Sneezeweed, bitter (Helenium tenuifolium) Snow-on-the-mountian (Euphorbia marginata).		Good Excellent	FairExcellent	Good	Good. Excellent	Poor. Good. Fair.
: al (Sonchus o nial (S. arven (S. asper) edles (Bidens	Perennial Annualdo	Excellent Fair Excellent	Excellent Fair	Excellent Fair Excellent	FairExcellent	Excellent. Fair. Excellent.
Speedwell: Common (Veronica officinalis) Con (V. arvensis) Purslane (V. peregrina) Spikerush (Eleocharis palustris)	Perennial Annualdo	Poordo Fairdo	Nonedo Fair.	Nonedo Fair	Poordo	None. Do. Poor.
Spurge: Flowering (Euphorbia corollata) Leafy (E. esula) Spotted (E. maculata) Spurry, corn (Spergula arvensis)	do	Poordododo	None	Good Poor Poor None None	Fair Fair Fair	None. Do.
	Woody Annual Perennial do Annual	Fair Good Poor - do Fair Exeellent	None	PoorPoor	Fair	Poor. None. Do.

Sunflower (Helianthus annuus) Sweetclover, annual yellow (Melilotus indica) Tanoak (Lithocarpus densiflora) Tansy (Tanacetum vulgare) Tansy mustard (Descurainia pinnala)	do Woody Perennial	do	Good Excellent None	Excellent Poor	Excellent Poor	Excellent. Do. Poor.
Inistle: Blessed (Cnicus benedictus). Blue (Echium vulgare). Bull (Cirsium vulgare). Bristly (C. horridulum). Canada (C. arvense). Rusian (Salsola kali).	Biennial do Perennial Perennial Annual	Fair Excellent	Fair Excellent Fair Good	Fair Excellent Fair Good	Excellent Fair	Excellent. Fair. Good.
Tickseed (Coreopsis tinctoria)Toadflax: Toadflax: Blue (Linaria canadensis)	Perennial	Poor	None	Excellent	N	N. C.
Toyon (Hegeromeles arbutifolia) Tree-of-heaven (Ailanthus altissima) Trumpet creeper (Campsis radicans) Velvet-leaf (Abutilon theophrasti)	Woody	Good Fair Poor	Fair None dood	Fair Excellent Fair	Fair Good Excellent	None. Fair. Poor. None. Excellent.
Blue (Verbena hastata) Hoary (V. stricta) Prostrate (V. bracteata) Roadside (V. bonariensis)	Perennialdododo	GoodGood.				
Narrowleaf (Vicia angustifolia) Milk (Astragalus spp.) Two grooved (A. bisulcatus)	Annual Perennial	Excellent Good	Fairdo	Excellent	Excellent	
Wild (Vicia spp.) Violet (Viola spp.)	Annual Perennial	do Poor	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent.

See footnotes at end of table.

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Waterplantain (Alisma triviale)
Waterweed, Canada (Elodea canadensis)
Willow (Salix spp.)
Witchweed (Striga asiatica)
Woodsorrel, yellow (Oxalis stricta)

Susceptibility of common weeds to control by 2,4-D, MCPA, 2,4,5-T, silvex, and 2,4-DB

				Control 1		
Plant name	Type of plant	2,4-D	MCPA	2,4,5-T²	Silvex	2,4-DB
Wormwood, annual (Artemisia annua)Yankeeweed (Eupatorium compositifolium)Yarrow: Common (Achillea millefolium) Western (A. lanulosa) Yellow-rocket (Barbarea vulgaris) Yerba-santa (Eriodictyon californicum)	Annual Perennial Oder Greenial Oder Greenia Ode	Good Fair Poor Poor Good Good None None	FairPoorGood	Good Poor Poor Fair Good Poor Poor	Poor Fair do	None. Do. Fair. None.

¹ For explanation of control ratings, see "Susceptibility Chart," page 10.
² See limitation on use of 2,4,5-T on inside cover.
³ Sometimes biennial.

COMMON AND CHEMICAL NAMES OF PHENOXY HERBICIDES

Common name	Chemical name
2,4-D	(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetic acid
	(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy) acetic acid
Silvex	2-(2,4,5-trichlorophyenoxy) propionic
	acid
MCPA	[(4-chloro-o-tolyl)oxy] acetic acid
2,4-DB	4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) butyric acid

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